

TOUR OF ALBANIA AND SEA HOLIDAYS

1st Day: TIRANA / DURRES / BERAT

Arrival at International airport of Tirana and transfer to Durres , one of the most ancient cities in Albania. Visit of the Fortress , with a Venetian Tower , the Amphitheatre (one of the biggest in the Balkan Peninsula) , the Archaeological Museum . After lunch continuation to Berat. Its most striking feature is the collection of white ottoman houses that climb the hill to the castel , earning it the title of " town of a thousand windows". The Town also has several Byzantine churches and the Onufri Museum , an important Painter of Icon. Dinner and Overnight.

2nd Day **BERAT / APOLLONIA / BYLLIS / GIROKASTER**

After Breakfast drive to Apollonia Archaeological Site - this ancient site was an important port along the route between Rome and Byzantium. Emperor Augustus studied there, and Aristotle mentioned the town in his book on politics . Lunch after the visit and we continue to Byllis . It was the largest city in Southern Illyria and it has a dominance position over the hills of Mallakastra and over the valley of Vjosa.

The city's origins date back to the fourth century BC, when it was founded by the Illyrians. The original set of walls, whose foundations remain to this day, were built by the Illyrians during the third century BC. The ruins cover a vast area, in a triangular shape, for about two kilometers. We continue to Girokaster, dinner and overnight.

3rd Day **GIROKASTER / BLUE EYE / SARANDE**

Breakfast and visit Girokaster: many houses have a distinctive local style that has earned the nickname "Town of stone", because most of the old houses have roofs covered with stones (Unesco World Heritage). Great importance Museum of Weapons, Enver Hoxha house and the castle. We continue and we admire "Blue Eye" is a water spring and natural phenomenon occurring near Muzine. A popular tourist attraction, the clear blue water of the river bubbles forth from a stunning, more than fifty-metre-deep pool. Divers have descended to fifty metres, but it is still unclear what the actual depth of the karst hole is. Lunch on the way and arrive in Sarande, visit of the city: Ohnemois's ruins, Orthodox Church and promenade. Dinner and overnight.

4th Day **SARANDE / VALONA / DURRES**

Breakfast. We drive to Vlora along mountain road of Albanian Riviera enjoying the beautiful and fantastic scenery and landscapes of Ionian Coastline – enroute you can see the Ali Pasha Fortress at Porto Palermo bay follow on to Vlora through Llogara Pass (3500 feet above Sea level). After lunch we continue our trip to Vlora where we visit the Independence Museum that is still situated in the original house, where the first indipendent Albanian Government had its seat. Dinner and overnight in Durres.

5th - 6th - 7th Day **DURRES**

Beach Holiday in all inclusive.

8th Day **DURRES / TIRANA / KRUJIA**

Breakfast and visit the capital city of Albania , a conglomeration of Communist, Ottoman and Italian influences, the Albanian capital of Tirana is always evolving. Simply fascinating, Tirana represents both the past and the future of Albania. Guided tour of the city center including Skanderbeg square and its clock , boulevard , national museum , cemetery of heroes .Departure to Kruja the historic citadel of the Albanian hero Skanderbeg. Visit of the castle , skanderbeg museum and the old bazar in which buy authentic Albanian antiques and souvenirs.Transfer to airport.